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Letter to Sophia Chase

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Little Meadows 21 West
of Cumberland 14 April 1830

My dear Wife:

I left Cumberland yesterday at 9 AM.
with a grateful heart, though not without some
melancholy apprehensions of what I should
suffer from the jolting of the Carriage. —
As the coach drove up to Mr. John's door,
where so many affectionate friends had
assembled to witness my journey in as-
cending — and my comfort in seating my
self for a long and tedious journey, my
face turned pale and my feeble knees
smote at the thought of the approaching
trial. — "Fetch a Chair" — "Take my arm
on this side" — "Take care of his broken Ribs"
"Don't touch my lame arm" — "Now jump"
"Then" "Then". "He is now fairly in" and
"now he's fairly seated on his soft feather bed"
"Which side will you have the pillow".
"Let one support the lame arm, and the
other prop his fractured Ribs." Now now

"I am ready!" GOOD Friends Adieu
"Will you have a kinship blessing! Many
"the Good God bless you all for Jesus Christ
"sake!"

The carriage drove slowly on — I shall
tell you, ^{how} I bore the dreadful motion? It
would be of no use. It did not kill me! &
this was about all I can say.

A. Mrs. Reed who had been in town to see her
friends a few days and had been with us
in our little parties made to spend the
Melancholy hours of poor M^r. Chase &
who wished to return home to the very place
where I am now writing this, (she is more
over cousin to young Knice at our College)
~~sent a servant~~ to enquire if she
and her Nurse & child could not take
a seat with me in the carriage? This was
most truly & thankfully granted so that
before I left town my journey promised

for a time not to be so gloomy

We came on to Troutburg 10 miles. There Mr Reed met us. There we rested a little. Then we resumed our road & rode 7 miles further to the house of Mr. Hickvotte who married Kilby's daughter of Chillicothe. Here Mr. H. had prepared for me some evergreen Trees and if I would stay he would put in some more or some laurel. — He added also his great desire that I would stay and baptize his two youngest Children. — To all these powerful arguments was added the fact that I could not go with safety any further. Mr. Reed proceeded on horseback with his husband towards home 4 miles further and I — went to bed.

I did hope Mr. Allen would have come on in the stage but no Mr. Allen came & after baptizing the Children today at one o'clock Mr. Hickvotte harnessed the horses and drove me to this place where I am. Mr. Mr. Mr. & with great

Kindness - I tell you how sore
am and what pain and distress
I suffer I can not: but I am not dead
and hope to see you in about 10 days,
P.C.

per P. Chase M. Free
Gambier 0

Mrs. M. Chase
Gambier Ohio

From H.C.
to M. Chase
16 Sept
1850

Frederick Douglass
April 21st 1850